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## MAYOR'S THREATS DID NOT BREAK SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

### HOUSE PASSES BILL TO RAISE TEACHERS' PAY

MRS. ALEXANDER URGES PASSAGE OF HER BILL AND MAKES IMPASSIONED SPEECH

### SHOWS SOLONS THE FIGURES

Says Illiterate Foreigner Can Get \$7 a Day But Teacher Has to Work for \$3

Salem, Ore., Feb. 8.—In urging the passage of the house bill placing \$75 per month as the minimum salary which may be paid school teachers. Mrs. Alexander Thompson, representative from Hood River and Wasco counties, made an impassioned speech. She said:

"Gentlemen, let us take the schools of Marion county for example. In 1914 and 1915, the average wage was \$58.18. In 1918 and 1919 the average wage is \$64.78. The increase in pay has been \$6.60. In living expense the increase has been \$9.78. Gentlemen, these are facts.

"An illiterate foreigner may come to America and earn \$7 a day. An American girl, a college graduate, in the most exalted of professions, is paid less than \$3 a day." The house passed the bill.

### DIMMICK WOULD RESTORE THE DEATH PENALTY

Salem, Ore., Feb. 8.—The senate committee on judiciary has reported favorably Senator Dimmick's joint resolution to restore the death penalty for persons convicted of murder in the first degree or for treason. The committee added the amendment that juries instead of the court shall determine whether the penalty shall be death or life imprisonment.

### IDAHO COMING TO FRONT AS GREAT FRUIT STATE

Boise, Ida., Feb. 8.—That Idaho will next year be a greater factor in the fruit business of the north-west is the belief of Harvey Allred, retiring director of the state farm markets bureau, who has completed a survey of the state on several of the more important fruit lines.

He finds that Idaho has 14,000 acres set out to orchards, and points out that its apples have taken prizes in competition with all other parts of the country.

Barring a repetition in 1919 of the heavy loss from unfavorable weather, shipments from Idaho are due to reach at least 20 or 25 per cent more than the good year of 1917, owing to the number of new orchards that will have come into bearing in that time. It is estimated.

### 8,000 MEN COMING ON FIVE TRANSPORTS

Washington, Feb. 8.—The battleship Kansas and five transports bringing 500 officers and nearly 8,000 men have sailed from France. The 116th engineers, including Oregon troops, are aboard.

### LABORERS SUBMIT SOLUTION OF R. R.

Want Government Ownership and Private Operation by One Big Company

Washington, Feb. 8.—Railroad labor interests have proposed government ownership and private operation by one large corporation, cooperatively organized, and sharing profits with employees, as their solution of the railway problem.

Testifying before the senate interstate commerce committee, on behalf of the four leading trainmen's brotherhoods and other employees' organizations, Glenn E. Plumb of Chicago, recommended that the government acquire all railroad property at a price fairly representing the physical valuation and entrust the operation to a corporation to be directed jointly by employees, officers and the government, and rates would automatically be reduced when profits amounted to more than a fixed rate.

The corporation would be subject to regulation by the interstate commerce commission which would retain its present regulating powers.

The brotherhoods objected to the railway executives' proposal for establishing a secretary of transportation, saying this would constitute "regulating the people in the interests of capital."

### 65TH ARTILLERY TO BE IN PORTLAND FEB. 16

Portland, Feb. 8.—The 65th artillery will be in Portland on February 16-17, according to word received by the soldiers' reception committee. The officers and men are en route to Camp Lewis for demobilization.

### SEC. LANE WANTS TO FINISH ALASKA RY.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Congress has been asked by Secretary Lane for \$13,800,000 with which to complete the Alaskan railroad within the next year.

### FINISH WORK TODAY

Paris, Feb. 8.—The peace conference commission on the society of nations expects to finish its work at a session today.

### TROUBLE AT BUTTE OVER CASHING WARRANTS

Butte, Mont., Feb. 8.—Although the bankers have arranged to cash the city warrants for firemen's salaries, Mayor Maloney issued an order today stating that he would discharge all firemen and the police Monday unless the banks agree to cash the salary warrants of all departments.

### WILSON TO MINGLE WITH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Paris, Feb. 8.—In response to an invitation to visit the Knights of Columbus club rooms in this city, President Wilson sent the following acknowledgement: "You may be assured it would be a pleasure for me to stop in at the headquarters of the Knights of Columbus if it were possible for me to do so. I have greatly admired the work they have done and beg that you will convey to them my very warm and sincere congratulations and thanks."

### EXEMPTION SIGNS TORN FROM ALL STREET CARS

Believe Workmen Weakening--Strikes Imminent in Many Cities--Armed Union Miners at Butte Drive Off Strike Breakers--Bricklayers Go Out--Quiet at Tacoma

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 8.—No action had been taken at 8 o'clock this morning by the strike committees as to Mayor Hanson's ultimatum.

No cars were operated this morning. Officials are uncertain when an attempt will be made. The city has directed a jitney service inaugurated by the mayor's order.

Mayor Hanson said that unless the trolley companies operated, city cars would be sent over all lines. "I have ordered all union exemption signs torn off the cars," said the mayor. "We are going to operate without the consent of the unions."

Not one case of strike disorder had been reported up to today. There are soldier guards on all the streets. Several more restaurants resumed business today.

Seattle, Feb. 8, 3:24 p. m.—Officials of the Puget Sound Traction Light & Power company say they believe that it will only be a matter of hours when the backbone of the strike will be broken. Employees are congregating in various barns, evidently preparing to return to work.

Late this afternoon the strikers' general committee still in conference unofficially intimated that a formal vote may be taken at any hour as to whether or not to declare the strike off.

Seattle, Feb. 8.—Street car officials said this afternoon that they believe it is only a matter of hours until the general strike will be broken. Car operators are preparing to return to work, they declared. Union carmen are still in conference with the general strike committee.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 8.—J. P. Noonan, acting president of the International Electrical Workers, in a telegram today directed all electrical workers out on sympathetic strike in Seattle to return to work.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 8.—The Star, a newspaper, here, issued under police guard this afternoon.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 8.—The barbers, teamsters and chauffeurs are all at work today.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 8.—Street

### BIG MERCHANT MARINE FOR PACIFIC URGED BY OREGON AND OTHER STATES

Salem, Ore., Feb. 8.—Oregon has taken the first steps in joining other Pacific coast states in urging upon congress the establishment of a merchant marine on the Pacific coast. A joint memorial has been introduced by Senator Eddy, asking congress to get into action and a conference was held in the governor's office between Secretary Quayle, of the Oregon chamber of commerce, President Vinton of the senate, Speaker Seymour Jones of the house, Senator Eddy, chairman of the senate reconstruction committee and Ben Sheldon, chairman of the house reconstruction committee. Data was submitted to show that 400 ships are necessary to carry to the markets of the world the lumber output

of this state, aside from the marine needs of other industries.

Washington and California are participating in the movement and governor Withycombe believes that joint action by the three coast states will awaken congress to the knowledge that action is imperative.

"If we are to do our utmost for reconstruction," said the governor, "it is necessary that foreign markets be reached and the only way this can be done is through a merchant marine. Our network of railroads halts at the shores of the Pacific, hence the railroads do not build up a foreign trade. Congress must act if we are not to fall behind Japan, England and other foreign countries."

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 8.—The commanding officer of Fort George Wright announced that he had received orders to hold his troops in readiness to move to Butte.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 8.—A local union newspaper in an editorial today urges the Spokane workers not to join the sympathetic strike. President Coates of the central labor council is its editor.

Everett, Wash., Feb. 8.—The trades council voted a referendum vote on the question of a general sympathetic strike. The returns from the balloting is due next Wednesday.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 8.—The Oakland shipyard laborers' union with a membership of 3,000, voted a holiday next Monday to take a strike vote. A wage of \$6 a day is proposed.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—Announcement that L. C. Marshall, of the labor adjustment board, is here "to review the whole strike situation," was made at the offices of the shipping board.

New York, Feb. 8.—The union bricklayers and hoisting engineers the country over will be called out on sympathetic strike Monday, in an effort to enforce the demand of the carpenters for a dollar a day increase in wages. William Hutchinson, president of the carpenter's union, made this announcement today.

### WANT DELEGATES FOR CONFERENCE

League to Enforce Peace Asks That 25 Citizens of Josephine County Attend Meeting

Judge C. G. Gillette has received the following letter from the League to Enforce Peace, the members of which will hold a meeting at Portland on February 16-17:

"You are invited and earnestly urged to officially appoint 25 representative citizens of your city, as delegates therefrom to the 'North-west Congress for a League of Nations' to be held in Portland, Ore., February 16-17, 1919. Blanks for the appointments with credentials attached are enclosed for your use.

"Necessity for clinching the victory won is a condition which confronts our statesmanship—not a theory. It is easy to devise good international laws but the difficulty is to make them effective. A League of Nations is necessary to provide effective means of enforcing peace. It is needed to promote the liberty, progress and orderly development of the world.

"Because of the world-wide interest in the subject, governors of states and many organized bodies are appointing delegates. Surely you agree that representatives from your city should attend the congress. It is important that you send us the names and addresses of those whom you delegate that we may send them further information."

It is important that those who wish to attend the big meeting as delegates give their names in at once to Judge Gillette. Grants Pass should be represented at the meeting.

### GRANTS PASS TRYING FOR GOV'T. BUILDING

In response to letters from the local Chamber of Commerce urging Oregon's members in congress to bend their efforts to secure a government building for Grants Pass, F. S. Bramwell, president of the local chamber, has received the following telegram from Senator Chas. L. McNary:

"Shall do all that I can to persuade the government to construct a government building in your city. The government holdings in that county are very large and its duty is clear in this respect."

The local chamber is also urging Senator J. C. Smith and Representative C. A. Sidler, at Salem, to do all in their power to help secure irrigation for this part of the state.

Washington, Feb. 8.—General March said today that demobilization in the United States is now on the home stretch. Over 67,038 officers and 1,033,812 men have been discharged. The total now remaining to receive their discharge is only 1,442,000.

### AMERICAN PATROLS SKINNING THE RHINE

Coblenz, Germany, Feb. 8.—Six tug boats and 12 other craft have been requisitioned by the American Third army to patrol the Rhine river in the area occupied by the Americans. A lieutenant and from eight to 15 United States marines have been placed on each boat but the German operating crews have been retained. The patrol boats flying the American flag dart up and down the river all day directing the traffic.

### EBERT SOUNDS DEEP WARNING TO THE ALLIES

SAYS MILITARISM HAS BEEN DETHRONED AND BRANDS ARMISTICE AS RUTHLESS

### PREFERS HUNGER TO DISGRACE

Germans Laid Down Arms With Confidence in Wilson—Wants Voice at Peace Conference

Weimar, Thursday, Feb. 6.—The opening of the national assembly this afternoon was impressive for its solemnity, earnestness and simplicity. Chancellor Ebert's opening speech, the delivery of which occupied a half-hour, was frequently interrupted.

Herr Ebert received only a brief ovation on his entry. He found himself so heckled by Independent Socialists that he was forced in the middle of his speech to turn upon them with the declaration that this disorder showed how little evil times had taught them. He spoke loudly, slowly and distinctly, his voice carrying to the remotest part of the theater with its perfect acoustic properties.

The chancellor's voice shook with emotion as he touched upon points he deemed essential, then boomed high above the discordant shouts of the independents when they tried to interrupt and drown him out. He aroused approval when he began by declaring: "We have done forever with princes and nobles by the grace of God." He said the German people were now ruling itself.

"Our enemies declare they are fighting militarism, but militarism has been dethroned," Herr Ebert asserted. The speaker took up the armistice terms and branded them as unheard of and ruthless. The whole house was with him when he protested against the expulsion of Germans from Alsace and the sequestration of property.

The assembly broke into shouts of indignation as the chancellor referred to the 800,000 prisoners of war still held in captivity. All this, he said, showed anything but a spirit of reconciliation.

"We warn our opponents not to drive us to the uttermost," he declared. "Hunger is preferable to

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### WHITE WHALE CASTS FEAR INTO NATIVES

Nenana, Alaska, Dec. 6.—(By mail)—Natives along the Yukon who recently saw a white whale which had made its way as far as Tanana, have been living in fear ever since. Suspicious as a race, the natives believe that the whale represents the soul of the Indians and Eskimos who have died in Alaska of Spanish influenza, and that the whale's appearance is a warning to them to look out for the disease.

### LONDON DEPORTING MANY UNDESIRABLES

London, Feb. 8.—The government is quietly arresting and deporting undesirable aliens who are believed to be Bolshevik propagandists.